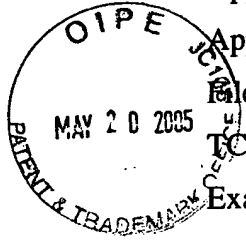


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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 19 January 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include a new figure filed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.